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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Walter Dudovicz

U.S. Serial No.: 10/689,678

Group Art Unit: 3723

Filed: October 22, 2003

Title: POLISHING SILICON WAFERS

Examiner: G. Nguyen

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is to the Official Action issued July 14, 2004. The Examiner has set forth a three-month period for response. A petition and authorization for a one-month extension of time are attached, making this response due on or before November 14, 2004. Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

The claims appear on page 2 of this paper.

The remarks appear on page 5 of this paper.



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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND ACCOMPANYING FEES

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

(A) Extension of Time and Requisite Fee:

The undersigned Attorney respectfully petitions the Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for taking action in the above-identified application for a period of time indicated in the box below.

- (1) Original Period for Response was Set to Expire on:

10/14/04  
(Month/Day/Year)

- (2) Statutory Period Expires

1/14/05  
(Month/Day/Year)

Extension now requested (NOT TO EXCEED STATUTORY PERIOD) is for the following period of time from date (1) above:

	Fee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One Month	\$ 110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Months	\$ 430.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three Months	\$ 980.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four Months	\$1,530.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit is requested for prior extension fees paid	\$ _____

(B) ☐ Additional Fee for Response filed herewith:

<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment (additional claims)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Appeal	\$340.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration	\$130.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Brief	

(C) Total Fee for this Petition and any Response filed herewith:

The total fee, in the amount of \$110.00, is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-2440.

Please charge any additional fee which may be required for this Petition and/or Response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2440. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for the convenience of the Finance Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Schwartz

Jurie A. Schwartz  
Attorney for Applicant  
Reg. No. 43,909

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Danbury, Connecticut 06810-5113  
Dated: November 12, 2004  
Our Ref.: CS-21,274-3  
Telephone No.: (203) 837-2115

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